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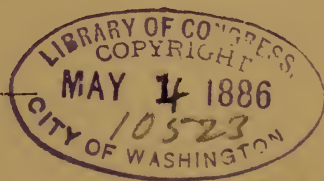
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
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AMATEUR ATHLETES OF AMERICA.



CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Association shall be known as the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AMATEUR ATHLETES OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be the protection of the mutual interests of its members, and the advancement and improvement of Amateur Athletic Sports.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of this Association shall be limited to Amateur Athletic Clubs, and any associate club not giving at least one public out-door athletic meeting each year, to consist of not less than five games, open to all amateurs shall pay a fine of twenty-five dollars, to be paid at or before the next annual meeting, and in default of such payment such club shall forfeit its membership.

And the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association may become a member of this Association, such Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association to be deemed an amateur athletic club for all purposes herein.

ARTICLE IV.

DEFINITION.

An amateur is any person who has never competed in an open competition, or for money, or under a false name; or with a professional for a prize, or where gate money is charged; nor has ever at any time, taught, pursued or assisted at athletic exercises for money, or for any valuable consideration. But nothing in this definition shall be construed to prohibit the competition between amateurs for medals, cups or other prizes than money.

And it is hereby expressly declared that this definition is not retroactive, and that all past acts of amateurs shall be judged in accordance with the provisions of the old definition; and that the foregoing definition shall take effect on and after the 1st day of May, 1885.

To prevent any misunderstanding in reading the above, the Association draws attention to the following explanations and adjudications:

An athlete has forfeited his right to compete as an amateur, and has thereby become a professional, by—

(a) Ever having competed in an open competition (*i. e.*, a competition, the entries to which are open to all, irrespective as to whether the competitors are amateurs or professionals, and whether such competition be for a prize or not) in any athletic exercise over which this Association has declared its jurisdiction.

(b) Ever having competed for money in any such athletic exercise.

(c) Ever having competed under a false name in any such athletic exercise.

(d) Ever having knowingly competed with a professional for a prize, or where gate money is charged in any such athletic exercise.

(e) Ever having taught or pursued as a means of livelihood any such athletic exercise.

(f) Ever having directly or indirectly accepted or received remuneration for engaging in any such athletic exercise.

An athlete shall hereafter forfeit his right to compete as an amateur, and shall thereby become a professional, if, at any time after the foregoing definition shall take effect, he shall—

(1) Directly or indirectly receive payment for training or coaching any other person in any athletic exercise over which this Association shall declare its jurisdiction.

(2) Directly or indirectly receive payment for services personally rendered in teaching any such athletic exercise.

(3) Directly or indirectly receive payment for services rendered as Referee, Judge, Umpire, Scorer, Manager, Director, or in any other capacity, at any professional exhibition or contest of any athletic exercises whatsoever.

NOTE.—Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the acceptance by any amateur of his necessary traveling expenses incurred by any Referee, Judge, Umpire, Scorer or Starter, in going to and from the place of any amateur contest.

(4) Directly or indirectly run, manage, or direct, for prospective profit any professional exhibition or contest.

An amateur shall not hereafter forfeit his right to compete as an amateur, and shall not become a professional, by—

(a) Receiving compensation for services rendered as ticket taker or ticket seller at any contest or exhibition of amateur athletics.

(b) Receiving compensation for services personally rendered as Secretary, Treasurer, Manager or Superintendent of any amateur athletic club.

(c) Receiving compensation as editor, correspondent or reporter of, or contributor to any sporting, athletic, or other paper or periodical.

(d) Running, managing, or directing, for prospective profit, any sporting, athletic, or other paper or periodical.

(e) Receiving compensation for services personally rendered as official handicapper under the direction and authority of the National Association of Amateur Athletes of America.

(f) Receiving from a club of which he shall be a member the amount of his expenses necessarily incurred in traveling to and from the place of any amateur contest.

This Association hereby declares its jurisdiction to extend over the following athletic exercises:

1. Running (all distances.)
2. Walking (all distances.)
3. Jumping (of any character.)
4. Pole-leaping.
5. Putting the shot.
6. Throwing the hammer.
7. Throwing of weights.
8. Tugs-of-war (individual and team).

ARTICLE V.

MANAGEMENT.

The management of this Association shall be entrusted to an Executive Committee consisting of nine members, who shall be elected for a term of three years, except that of the first committee elected, three shall be chosen by lot to go out of office at the first annual meeting, three at the second and three at the third, in order that three members shall be elect-

ed at each annual meeting of the Association. No club shall have more than one representative in the Executive Committee. Vacancies in the membership of the Executive Committee, arising from any cause whatever, shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the Association. They shall from among their number, elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve until the next annual meeting, and perform their several duties as prescribed in the By-Laws, and generally such duties as pertain to their office.

ARTICLE VI.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Any amateur athletic club desiring to join the association shall send to the Secretary an application for membership, a copy of its Constitution and By-Laws, and a list of its officers and members. The Secretary shall submit this application to each member of the Executive Committee in turn, and these members shall endorse their decision. The approval of seven members of the Executive Committee shall be necessary to constitute an election.

ARTICLE VII.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Association shall be held at 8 P. M., on the evening of the yearly championship games.

ARTICLE VIII.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting may be called at the written request of not less than one-third of the Clubs comprising this Association, of which fifteen days' notice shall be given by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX.

REPRESENTATION.

At all meetings each club may be represented by no more than three delegates, each of whom can take part in all discussions, but in the decision of any matter each club shall be entitled to only one vote.

ARTICLE X.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

Each associate club agrees to adopt the definition of an amateur as found in Article IV of the Constitution, and to enforce said definition at all athletic meetings given under its auspices; and further agrees to conform to all the laws, rules and regulations of the Association, and to abide by the rulings of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI.

DUES.

The dues shall be \$10, payable upon admission into the Association, and at each annual meeting thereafter. No club, whose dues remain unpaid, shall be entitled to vote at the annual election.

ARTICLE XII.

DISCIPLINE.

Any violation of the rules of the Association shall render a club liable to suspension by the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the Association, and to expulsion by a two-thirds vote of the clubs represented at such meeting.

ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDMENTS.

No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to this Constitution at any meeting, except by a two-thirds vote of the clubs represented. At least thirty days notice of any such

proposed change must be given to the Executive Committee, of which due notice shall at once be sent to the clubs belonging to this Association.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Executive Committee shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be elected at the first meeting of the Committee after each annual meeting of the Association, to serve until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee, appoint all sub-committees, audit and approve all bills, and order meetings of the Committee whenever, in his judgment, he may deem it necessary.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall, during the absence of the President, perform all his duties, as specified in Sec. 1.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of each meeting of the Association and of the Executive Committee, shall conduct their correspondence, and have charge of and be responsible for all the books and papers, except those of the Treasurer.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall collect and have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, shall pay all bills, when

properly approved, and submit a report thereof to the Committee, whenever called upon by them to do so.

ARTICLE III.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held at the close of the annual meeting of the Association. Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Secretary, either at the written request of three members of the Committee, or by order of the President, and one week's notice of said meeting shall be sent to every member of the Committee. At all meetings of the Committee, five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Executive Committee shall assume control of the contests for the Amateur Championships of America, and give the Championship Meetings at such times and places as they may determine.

ARTICLE V.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.

The Championship Games shall include :

Running 100 Yards.

Running 220 Yards.

Running One-Quarter Mile.

Running One-Half Mile.

Running One Mile.

Running Five Miles.

Hurdle Racing, 120 Yards, 10 hurdles, 3 ft. 6 in.

Walking One Mile.

Walking Three Miles.

Walking Seven Miles.

Running High Jump.

Running Broad Jump.

Pole Leaping.

Puttting the Shot, 16 lbs.

Throwing the Hammer, 16 lbs.

Throwing 56 lbs. Weight.

Bicycle Racing, Two Miles.

Individual Tug of War.

Tug of War, Teams of Five Men.

The Executive Committee may omit any of the above competitions, or add such games as in their judgement may seem proper.

ARTICLE VI.

PAYMENT OF BILLS.

All bills shall be presented to the President, or in the event of his absence to the Vice-President, and shall be audited by him; in case of approval he shall affix his signature and date of approval. After such approval, the Treasurer shall be authorized to pay.

ARTICLE VII.

MODE OF DECIDING UPON STATUS OF ANY AMATEUR.

Section 1. In the event of any application for a decision of the Executive Committee upon the applicant's status as an amateur athlete, it shall be the duty of the President to appoint a sub-committee of three to investigate the case. This committee shall report to the Executive Committee at their next meeting, who shall thereupon take such action as they deem proper and just in the premises.

Sec. 2. Upon application from any club, a member of this Association, asking for a decision of the Committee upon the status of any individual, a committee shall be appointed, and report, as specified in Section 1, and the decision of the Executive Committee be duly transmitted to the enquiring club.

Section 3. Each person whose amateur standing is being investigated, shall receive twenty days' notice of the meeting at which his case will be decided, shall be permitted to be present in person, to examine the witnesses, read all written testimony, and submit his own sworn statement. He must also answer all questions asked him by the Committee.

Section 4. The unavoidable expense attending such investigation shall be borne by the club or individual making the application.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of this committee, if they deem an entry at the championship meeting a proper subject for investigation, to entertain the question, irrespective of any protest being entered.

ARTICLE VIII.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Roll call; Reading, correction and adoption of minutes; Unfinished business; Reports and communications; Adjournment.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS, ETC.

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or suspended at any meeting of the Executive Committee by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided two weeks' notice shall have been given to every member of the Committee of the proposed alteration, amendment or suspension.

LAWS OF ATHLETICS.

I.

OFFICERS.

The officers of an athletic meeting shall be

One Referee.

Three Judges at the finish.

Three Measurers.

Three Time-keepers.

One Judge of Walking, with assistants, if necessary.

One Starter.

One Clerk of the Course, with assistants, if necessary.

One Scorer, with assistants, if necessary.

II.

CLERK OF THE COURSE.

He shall record the name of each competitor who shall report to him.

Shall give him his number for each game in which he is entered, and notify him before the start of every event in which he is engaged. The assistants shall do such portions of his work as he may assign them.

III.

STARTER.

He shall have entire control of competitors at their marks, and shall be the sole judge of fact as to whether or no any man has gone over his mark.

His decision in such cases shall be final and without appeal.

IV.

JUDGE OF WALKING.

He shall have entire control of competitors during the race,

and his decision as to unfair walking shall be final and without appeal.

The assistants shall do such portions of his work as he may assign to them.

V.

SCORER.

He shall record the laps made by each competitor, and call them aloud, when tallied, for the information of the contestants.

He shall record the order of finishing and the times of the competitors in walking and running races.

The assistants shall do such portions of his work as he may assign to them.

VI.

TIME-KEEPERS.

Each of the three time-keepers after comparing their watches, shall time every event ; and in case of disagreement the average of the three shall be the official time.

Time shall be taken from the flash of the pistol.

VII.

JUDGES AT THE FINISH.

Two shall stand at one end of the tape, and the third at the other. One shall take the winner, another the second man, and the other the third man ; they shall also note the distances between the first three as they finish.

In case of disagreement the majority shall decide.

Their decision as to the order in which the men finish shall be final and without appeal.

VIII.

MEASURERS.

They shall measure, judge and record each trial of each

competitor in all games whose record is one of distance or height.

Their decision as to the performance of each man shall be final and without appeal.

In case of disagreement the majority shall decide.

IX.

REFEREE.

He shall, when appealed to, decide all questions whose settlement is not otherwise provided for in these rules.

His decision shall be final and without appeal.

X.

COMPETITORS.

Immediately on arriving at the grounds, each competitor shall report to the Clerk of the Course, and obtain his number for the game in which he is entered.

He shall inform himself of the times at which he must compete, and will report promptly at the start, without waiting to be notified.

No competitor shall be allowed to start without his proper number.

XI.

PROTESTS.

Verbal protests can be made at or before any Athletic Meeting, against a competitor or team, by any competitor or club competing; but such protest must be subsequently, and before action thereon, made in writing and duly presented to the Club under whose auspices the meeting is held.

XII.

INNER GROUNDS.

No persons whatever shall be allowed inside the track, except the officials and properly accredited representatives of the press.

Authorized persons shall wear a badge.

Competitors not engaged in the game actually taking place shall not be allowed inside or upon the track.

XIII.

TRACK.

The measurement of tracks shall be eighteen inches from the inner edge, which edge shall be a solid curb raised three inches above the level of the track.

XIV.

ATTENDANTS.

No attendants shall accompany a competitor on the scratch or in the race.

XV.

STARTING SIGNALS.

All races (except time handicaps) shall be started by report of pistol—the pistol to be fired that its flash may be visible to the time-keepers. A snap cap shall be no start.

There shall be no recall after the pistol is fired except in case of a foul provided for in Rule XXXII.

Time handicaps shall be started by the word “go.”

XVI.

STARTING.

When the Starter receives a signal from the Judges at the finish that everything is in readiness, he shall direct the competitors to get on their marks.

Any competitor starting before the signal, shall be put back one yard.

For the second offense another yard.

And for the third shall be disqualified.

He shall be held to have started when any portion of his body touches the ground in front of his mark.

Stations count from the inside.

XVII.

KEEPING PROPER COURSE.

In all races on a straight track, each competitor shall keep his own position on the course from start to finish.

XVIII.

CHANGE OF COURSE.

In all races on other than a straight track, a competitor may change toward the inside whenever he is two strides ahead of the man whose path he crosses.

XIX.

FOULING.

Any competitor may be disqualified by the Referee for jostling, running across, or in any way impeding another.

XX.

FINISH.

A thread shall be stretched across the track at the finish, four feet above the ground. It shall not be held by the Judges, but fastened to the finish posts on either side, so that it may always be at right angles to the course and parallel to the ground. The finish line is not this thread, but the line on the ground drawn across the track from post to post, and the thread is intended merely to assist the Judges in their decision.

The men shall be placed in the order in which they cross the finish line.

XXI.

WALKING.

The Judge shall caution for any unfair walking, and the third caution shall disqualify the offender.

One the last 1-8 of the last mile an unfair walker shall be disqualified without previous caution.

XXII.

HURDLES.

120 yards hurdle race shall be over ten hurdles, each 3 feet 6 inches high.

The first hurdle shall be placed 15 yards from the scratch, and there shall be ten yards between each hurdle.

Hurdle races of different distances and with different number and height of hurdles may be given.

No record shall be made in a hurdle race unless each of the hurdles, at the time the competitor jumps the same, is standing.

XXIII.

JUMPING.

No weights or artificial aid will be allowed in any jumping contest except by special agreement or announcement.

When weights are allowed, there shall be no restriction as to size, shape or material.

XXIV.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP AND POLE LEAPING.

The height of the bar at starting and at each successive elevation, shall be determined by the measurers.

Three tries allowed at each height. Each competitor shall make one attempt in the order of his name on the programme; then those that have failed, if any, shall have a second trial in regular order, and those failing on this trial shall then take their final trial.

Displacing the bar counts as a "try."

A line shall be drawn six feet in front of the pole and parallel therewith in pole leaping, and three feet in front of the bar and parallel therewith in high jumping, and stepping over such line, to be known as the balk line, in an attempt, shall count as a balk.

Three balks shall count as a "try."

A competitor may omit his trials at any height, but if he fail at the next height, he shall not be allowed to go back and try the height which he omitted.

Each competitor shall be credited with the best of all his jumps or leaps.

XXV.

STANDING HIGH JUMP.

The competitors may stand as they please, but must jump from the first spring.

The height of the bar at starting and at each successive elevation, shall be determined by the measurers.

Three tries allowed at each height. Each competitor shall make one attempt in the order of his name on the proggrrmme; then those who have failed, if any, shall have a second trial in regular order, and those failing on this trial shall then take their final trial.

Displacing the bar, and nothing else, counts as a "try."

A competitor may omit his trials at any height, but if he fail at the next height, he shall not be allowed to go back and try the height which he omitted.

XXVI.

RUNNING BROAD JUMP.

The competitors shall have unlimited run, but must take off from or behind the scratch.

The scratch line shall be a joist five inches wide, the ground in front of which shall be removed to the depth of three and the width of six inches.

Stepping over the scratch in an attempt shall be "no jump" but shall count as a "try."

Each competitor allowed three trials, and the best three men have three more trials each.

Each competitor shall be credited with the best of all his jumps.

The measurement shall be from the outer edge of the joist to the nearest break of the ground made by any part of his person.

A line shall be drawn six feet in front of the scratch line, and stepping over such line in an attempt shall count as a balk.

Three balks shall count as a "try."

XXVII.

STANDING BROAD JUMP.

Competitors must jump from the first spring.

Stepping any part of the foot over the scratch in an attempt shall be "no jump," but shall count as a "try."

Each competitor allowed three trials, and the best three men have three more trials each.

Each competitor shall be credited with the best of all his jumps.

The measurement shall be from the scratch line in front of the jumper's feet to the nearest break of the ground made by any part of his person.

XXVIII.

PUTTING THE SHOT.

The shot shall be a solid iron sphere weighing 16 lbs.

It shall be put from the shoulder with one hand, from between two parallel lines 7 feet apart.

Touching the ground outside either line with any part of the person, before the shot alights, shall make the attempt "no put," which counts as a "try."

Each competitor allowed three trials, and the best three men have three more trials each.

Each competitor shall be credited with the best of all his puts.

The measurement shall be from the nearest break of the ground made by the ball, perpendicularly to the scratch line, extended if necessary to meet this perpendicular.

XXIX.

THROWING THE HAMMER.

The hammer head shall be an iron sphere, weighing sixteen pounds, the handle shall be of hickory wood, and the length of hammer and handle over all shall be 3 feet 6 inches.

Touching the ground in front of the scratch with any portion of the person before the hammer alights shall make the attempt "no throw," which counts as a "try."

Letting go of the hammer in an attempt counts as a "try." Each competitor allowed three trials, and the best three men have three more trials each. Each competitor shall be credited with the best of all his throws.

If the head strikes first the measurement shall be from the nearest break of the ground made by it.

If the handle strike first, one length of the handle shall be allowed from the mark made by the end of the handle towards the mark made by the head of the hammer, and the measurement shall be from this point.

The scratch line shall be six feet long at and behind which the competitors shall stand. Said scratch line shall be extended on both sides twenty-seven feet and lines at right angles to the scratch line thus extended and at each end thereof shall be drawn out indefinitely and shall be known as foul lines.

The measurement shall be to the scratch line half way between the throwers feet on any throw made inside of the foul lines.

XXX.

THROWING FIFTY-SIX POUND WEIGHT.

The weight shall be of solid iron and round in shape and shall measure with the handle sixteen inches in length and the whole shall weigh fifty-six pounds.

The competitor shall stand at and behind the scratch, facing as he please, grasping the weight by the handle, and shall throw it with one hand.

Touching the ground, in front of the scratch, with any portion of the person before the weight alights, shall make the attempt "no throw," which counts as a "try."

Letting go of the weight in an attempt shall count as "a try."

Each competitor allowed three trials, and the best three men have three more trials each.

Each competitor shall be credited with the best of all his throws.

The measurement shall be from the scratch line in front of the thrower's foot, nearest the scratch line to the nearest break of the ground made by the weight exclusive of handle.

XXXI.

TUG OF WAR.

1. The ground shall be loosened to the width of three feet, and to a depth of not less than six inches.

2. The side crease shall be twelve feet from the centre.

3. The mark on the rope must be over the centre crease when the signal is given, and the team hauling that mark over the crease on its own side, shall win.

4. No footing holes shall be made before start.

5. The contestants shall not wear spikes.

6. The rope shall be 1 1-2 inches in diameter.

7. Immediately before the contest, the captains of all the

contesting teams shall draw their numbers.

8. Not less than five minutes shall be allowed each team between heats.

9. Captains shall toss for choice of sides before each pull ; but if the same two teams pull more than once during any meeting, they shall change ends at each successive pull.

10. Competitors shall not be allowed to use any belt other than one to protect the body, and no ring, chain or fastening of any kind, shall be allowed.

11. With two teams, they shall pull best two in three. With three teams, one and two shall pull, then two and three, and three and one.

With four teams—one and two shall pull, then three and four, and the winners pull the final.

With five teams—first round, one and two, three and four, five has a bye ; second round, winner of first heat pulls with five, and the winner of this heat pulls the final with the winner of second heat of first round.

With six teams—first round, one and two, three and four, five and six; second round, winner of first and second heats. Winner of this heat pulls the final with winner of third heat, first round.

Where more than six teams are entered, the arrangement of trials shall be on the same principal as in the above example.

12. No man shall be substituted for another who has already pulled in one trial, nor shall any man be allowed to pull with more than one team, in any of the trials for the same prize.

13. A time limit may be made.

14. The weights in tug-of-war shall be :

Feather weight, 125 lbs. and under.

Light weight, 150 lbs. and under.

Middle weight, 175 lbs. and under.

Heavy weight, over 175 lbs.

15. All weights shall be stripped.

XXXII.

BYCYCLING.

1. The officers for all Bicycle races shall be : a referee ; three judges at the finish ; three time-keepers ; one starter ; one clerk of the course, with assistants if necessary ; one scorer, with assistants if necessary ; and as many umpires as may be necessary.

2. The referee shall have general supervision of the race. He shall give judgments on protests received by him ; shall decide all questions or objections respecting foul riding, starting from the wrong mark or such like offences, which he may be personally cognizant of or which may be brought to his attention by an umpire or other officers. He shall act as he may think for the best in cases of misconduct by attendants, and shall disqualify any competitor who may become liable to disqualification. He shall decide all questions whose settlement is not otherwise provided for in these rules. His decision in all cases shall be final.

3. The judges shall decide the positions of the men at the finish. Two shall stand at one end of the tape, and the third at the other. One shall take the winner, another the second man, and the other the third man ; they shall also note the distance between the first three as they finish. In case of disagreement the majority shall decide. Their decision as to the order in which the men finish shall be final and without appeal.

4. Each of the three timekeepers, after comparing their watches, shall time every event ; and in case of disagreement,

the average of the three shall be the official time. Time shall be taken from the flash of the pistol.

5. The scorer shall record the laps made by each competitor; the order of the men at the finish, and the time as given to them by the timekeepers. Scorers shall have such assistance as may be necessary.

6. It shall be the duty of the starter, when it has been reported to him by a clerk of the course that all competitors are ready, to see that the timekeepers are warned, and before starting the men to say "Mount," in a few seconds after to say "Are you ready?" and if no reply to the contrary be given, to effect the start by report of pistol. Should the pistol miss fire, the start may be made at the word "go." The starter may, at his discretion, put back to a distance not exceeding 10 yards, any competitor starting before the signal is given. In case of a false start, the competitors shall be called back by the starter, and re-started. Any competitor refusing to obey shall at once be disqualified. He shall announce to the competitors the distance which they are to run and shall indicate the commencement of the last lap by ringing a bell as the riders pass over the mark for the final lap. In case of a fall within ten feet of the scratch line, the contestants shall be recalled and the race started over again. Time handicaps shall be started by the word "go."

7. It shall be the duty of an umpire to stand at such part of the field as the referee may direct, to watch closely the riding, and immediately after each race to report to the referee any competitor or competitors whose riding he may consider unfair, to the end that the referee, before making any decision, may be credibly informed by an official as to the facts. There shall be as many umpires as the size of the track requires.

8. Choice or change of machine, and choice of costume, are not limited, except that shirt and breeches must not bare shoulder nor knee. In races distinctly stated on the programme of events to be for a particular class of machine, this rule shall not apply so far as choice or change of machine is concerned.

9. The drawing for positions in each event shall be done by the club giving the meeting, and the positions of the men shall appear on the programme. When it becomes necessary to draw for positions on the grounds, the work shall be done by the clerk and starter, in conjunction. In heat races, the winner of the first heat shall take the pole in the next succeeding heat. When races are run in heats and a final, the winner of the fastest heat shall take the pole in the final.

10. All starts will be from a standstill, with the left hand toward the curb ; and the machines are to be held in position by an attendant (the driver touching the starting-line) until the signal is given by the starter. Attendants, when pushing off competitors, must have and keep *both* feet on the ground behind *the mark from which the competitor actually starts*. Should the attendant overstep that mark with either foot, while touching the bicycle, the competitor shall be disqualified. Any competitor shall be at liberty, with the consent of the referee, to start from a mark behind the one allotted him in the race ; but in such case, as in all others, the point of contact of the first part of the machine with the ground shall be considered the starting mark, which the attendant shall not overstep. There shall be no "push off" in tricycle races.

11. The finish of all races shall be judged by the first part of the driving wheel which touches the tape fastened flat on the ground at the winning-post.

12. Riders must pass on the outside (unless the man passed be dismounted), and must be at least a clear length of the bicycle in front before taking the inside. The inside man must allow room for his competitor to pass on the outside. A competitor overtaking another may pass between him and the pole if there be ample room, but he does so at his risk; and should a foul be claimed, the referee must decide if the rider was justified in his course. Riders are cautioned that they must not pass inside, except as a last resort.

13. Any competitor guilty of foul riding will be disqualified and debarred from any place or prize.

14. Competitors may dismount during a race at their pleasure, and may run with their bicycles if they wish to, but they must keep to the extreme outside of the path whenever dismounted. If a rider be dismounted by accident or to change his machine, he shall not be allowed a push off in starting again, but an attendant may hold his machine while he mounts it, and he must so mount at the extreme outside of the path.

15. A novices' race is open only to those who, up to date of event, have never won a prize, excepting in a club contest, and should properly be the first race of a meet.

16. In a race without hands, the start shall be made as usual. Ten seconds from the time of starting, the starter shall ring his bell, and this shall be the signal for the riders to take their hands off. The competitors must then ride with the arms folded, or the hands and arms otherwise kept quite off the machine. Any competitor touching any part of his machine with his hands or arms, shall be disqualified.

17. In a slow race, a straightaway course not less than three nor more than five feet in width should be marked out for each competitor. Any competitor who rides outside of

these lines—to be judged by the centre of the driving wheel—or who comes to a standstill, or who is dismounted, or who fails to start at the signal, shall be disqualified.

18. In a lap race, the position of each rider must be taken at the finish of every lap. The first man shall count a number equal to that of the contestants at the start, the second man shall count one less; the third, two less, and so on. The competitor who scores the greatest number of points shall be declared the winner, whether he ride the whole distance or not.

19. In a team race the position of each rider must be taken at the finish of every mile. The riders shall count as in a lap race, and the aggregate scores of the team members shall decide the victory.

20. The contestants in a run-and-ride race shall be started on foot in the usual manner, and umpires shall be stationed on the track at the mounting and dismounting stations, who shall take account of the fairness of mounting and dismounting. Mounting before reaching or dismounting after passing the station shall be sufficient cause for disqualification.

21. Ignorance of any of the foregoing will not be considered a valid excuse for violation.

XXXIII.

Associate clubs shall have entire charge of the entries of their own members in athletic meetings, provided, always, that no member shall enter, compete, or take part in any event at any athletic meeting, the entries to which event shall not be limited to amateur athletes, or when the event or events shall not be governed by the laws of this association. This rule, however, shall not prevent this association or its

Executive Committee from prohibiting entries to any event or events.

XXXIV.

No person competing at any meeting or in any event other than those enumerated in Rule 33, shall be allowed to compete at meetings governed by this association or at the championship meeting.

XXXV.

In all class of limit events, competitors shall not be debarred by reason of having made a better record after the closing of entries for such event.

XXXVI.

All cases of dispute and any questions that may arise not provided for in these laws, and the interpretation of these laws, shall be referred to the Executive Committee of this association.

XXXVII.

RECORD RULES.

This association shall from time to time give its approval to all records made in standard games, and when so desired shall in its discretion inquire into and give its approval to all other athletic distances and games.

No record in running, walking, or bicycle riding, shall be given, unless the same shall be timed by at least two official timekeepers, or by assistant timekeepers appointed by the Referee.

No record shall be given in the high standing or broad jump, pole leaping, putting the shot, throwing the hammer and 56 lbs. weight, unless the same shall be measured by at least two official measurers.

Said timers and measurers shall be regularly appointed by the Club or Association giving games or by the Referee.

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